



Oceans and Human Health: The Importance of Marine Ecosystems on Human Health and Wellbeing

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Message from the Guest Editors

The Oceans and Human Health (OHH) topic addresses different aspects that have often been treated independently but in reality are closely related, such as the conservation of marine ecosystems, the promotion of health, and the prevention and treatment of certain diseases. We welcome studies that examine (a) the benefits (e.g., omega 3 fatty acids, proteins) and risks (e.g., parasites, contaminants, biotoxins) of seafood consumption on people's health (cardiovascular risk, cancer, allergies, mental health, etc.) and (b) the benefits of maritime and coastal recreational activities such as swimming, scuba diving, sailing, etc. on the health and wellbeing of people (healthy or suffering any pathology). Studies incorporating different disciplines (marine and fisheries biology and ecology, medicine, epidemiology, veterinary, marine policy, and social sciences) that link directly to the OHH topic are welcome. We particularly encourage those studies that consider the relevance of the marine ecosystem's preservation (e.g., through marine protected areas and other management tools) to human health, food security and wellbeing and the sustainability development goals.





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